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A.—(a) The continuation of the existing staff in the institute is necessary as the institute still continues to be a main centre for anti-rabic treatment and is the *only* place where anti-rabic vaccine is prepared. The institute also trains medical officers in anti-rabic treatment and does research work on the subject.

(b) No.

Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar:—"May I know the reason why Government still persist in continuing the existing staff since the anti-rabic treatment is now done in all district headquarter hospitals, and since only vaccine is prepared in Coonoor and only certain cases are treated there?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"As the answer says, medical officers are trained there in anti-rabic treatment."

Representations for opening a rural dispensary at Komarapalayam, Salem district.

* 593 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) whether there are any proposals for opening new rural dispensaries during the year 1936–37 and if so, how many and in which of the places;

(b) whether any representations have been received from the people of Komarapalayam town in Salem district to sanction one for their place on the ground that it is a populous one and that they are refused medical aid at Bhavani in Coimbatore district though it is close by; and

(c) if so, in what way they have been disposed of?

A.—(a) There are no proposals for the opening of rural dispensaries in 1936–37 subsidized by Government.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—"May I know why Government have not provided any rural dispensaries subsidized by Government in the coming year? Is it because the Government feel that there is sufficient medical aid now?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"There is no money."

Public Health

Qualifications and functions of the Assistant Directors of Public Health.

* 594 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) the jurisdiction and headquarters of the four Assistant Directors of Public Health;

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(*b*) the qualifications of the existing incumbents and the nature of work turned out by each of them; and

(*c*) the total amount of travelling allowances and other general or special allowances drawn by each of them during 1934–35 and the number of places visited by each of them during 1934-35?

A.—(*a*) The jurisdiction of the Assistant Directors of Public Health including that of the Professor of Hygiene whose services are at the disposal of the Director of Public Health when he is not engaged on college work, and of the Assistant Directress of Public Health (Maternity and Child Welfare) extends throughout the Presidency and their headquarters is at Madras. For purposes, however, of supervision and inspection, the Assistant Directors of Public Health (Epidemics) (Vaccination) and (Vital Statistics) attached to the Office of the Director of Public Health have been placed in charge of a range each, the whole Presidency being divided into three ranges for the purpose.

(*b*)—

Serial number and name of the officer.	Qualifications.	Nature of work.
1 M.R.Ry. R. Adisesha Ayyar Avargal.	L.M. & S., B.S.Sc., Dip. Hyg. (Camb.).	Professor of Hygiene, Medical College, Madras, and Port Health Officer, Madras. When not actually engaged on college work his services are at the disposal of the Director of Public Health.
2 M.R.Ry. B. Ethirajulu Nayudu Garu.	L.M. & S., B.S.Sc., Dip. Hyg., D.T.M. & H. (Camb.).	Assistant Director of Public Health (Epidemics and Fairs and Festivals).
3 M.R.Ry. A. Thirumalai Nayudu Avargal.	L.M.S., L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S. (Edin.), L.R.F.P. & S. (Glas.), D.P.H. (Camb.).	Assistant Director of Public Health (Vaccination).
4 M.R.Ry. R. M. Mathew Avargal.	M.B.B.S., B.S.Sc., D.T.M. & H. (Camb.), D.P.H. (Camb.), M.R.C.P.	Assistant Director of Public Health (Vital Statistics).
5 Mrs. L. N. Veerasinghe Chinnappa.	M.B.B.S.	Assistant Directress of Public Health (Maternity and Child Welfare).

(*c*) Attention is invited to the statement [a] showing the travelling allowance drawn by each of them and the districts and municipalities visited by them. Besides travelling allowance no other general or special allowance was drawn by them.

Diwan Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar :—" May I know, Sir, whether posting four Assistant Directors of Public Health on functional basis is not more costly than their appointments on a territorial basis? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—" I cannot answer that general question."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar :—" Will it not be convenient if they are given territorial jurisdiction? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—" I cannot answer this question off-hand."

[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 223–224 infra.